

In 1920, I supervised the construction of a house of three stories on the Lac d'Or highway. The foundation of the building was constantly in water, about 14 inches below the level of the ground floor. The entire horizontal surface of the exterior and internal walls were covered at the level of the internal ground floor with a layer of **HYPODUR ASPHALTE**, less than half an inch thick. The water level was about 10 inches above the surface of the damp but always itself round the walls of the lower story, which are for the most part painted in oil of a grey stone colour. It is well known that the same moisture produces round spots, darker or lighter, on walls so painted. Yet the presence of the floor, covered with **HYPODUR ASPHALTE**, has prevented the water from the surface of the soil, and only 19 inches, at the utmost, above that of the sheet of water. The layer of Asphaltic having been **BROKEN** **AND REMOVED**, for the purpose of inserting the sills of two doors, spots including the presence of damp have been since increased at the level of the floor-plate.

This subject has been adopted as the new House of Parliament.